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Know Before You Throw

The City of Lansing boasts a recycling participation rate of over 75 percent, that's great! But, we want to be sure that the items being placed in the recycling carts are acceptable materials. We are finding that even the most dedicated recyclers sometimes try to recycle items that we don't take. Here are the most commonly found contaminants:

- Plastic bags and wraps
- Styrofoam
- Coffee cups
- Lids and straws from plastic cups
- Plastic forks and spoons
- Window blinds
- Garden hoses

So, before you recycle ... Know Before You Throw!

If you get a bright yellow OOPS tag on your recycling cart, please promptly remove contaminated materials and avoid placing them in your cart again to avoid further contamination notices. Frequent notices may result in the removal of your recycling cart.

For the complete list of acceptable items, check out our recycling quidelines: *lansingmi.gov/recycleguide*

Here are ways to recycle some materials that you cannot place in a city recycling cart, such as:

- Styrofoam find the location nearest you: dartcontainer.com/environment/ps-foam-recycling
- Plastic bags find the location nearest you: plasticfilmrecycling.org/s01/s01dropoff.html

Recycling On The Go!

When you are out enjoying a picnic at the park or a ballgame this season, make sure you recycle! Look for the new recycling carts at Gier, Kircher, Ranney, Francis and other city parks. At home or at play, recycle every day!



What Do I Do with Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG)?

The City of Lansing is working alongside other local communities to educate restaurants, businesses and residents about FOG. What is FOG? Fats, Oils and Greases, commonly found in meat, fish, butter, cooking oil and food scraps. If not handled properly, FOG can solidify and stick to the sides of your kitchen drains and sewer pipe. Over time, FOG buildup can cause serious sewer backups. Some suggestions to prevent FOG buildup include:

- Avoid putting grease down the sink, toilet or other drains
- Pour all used cooking oils and grease into a small container so it can cool and harden. When the container is full, cap the container or cover it tightly, place in a bag to prevent leakage and put in garbage container.
- Consider dropping off large amounts at the following site: Grease and oil will be recycled into products like bio-diesel, pet food or cosmetics.

Delhi Township, 5961 McCue Road in Holt. Call 517-699-3873 during business hours (7:30am-4pm, M-F) to confirm drop off times.









Household Trash Services

We have something for everyone. From bags to carts and pick-up of large, bulky items, we do it all! In fact, the City of Lansing has been in the trash business for over 100 years. We provide a convenient and affordable service. For a complete list of service options, visit *lansingmi.gov/trashservice*









Recycling Clothing and Household items is Simple

A 2015 Waste Sort revealed that many people are throwing away perfectly good clothing and household goods. In fact, clothing and textiles were among the top four recyclable items found in household trash that Lansing residents threw out. Not only can most clothing and household goods be donated to one of the many local social organizations (Volunteers of America, Salvation Army, Goodwill), they can also be picked up right from the curbside. The City of Lansing partners with Simple Recycling, a private company that picks up special green bags every other week on the normal recycling collection day. It's very easy to properly dispose of this type of unwanted material. Please don't throw these items away, they take up valuable space in the landfill and can be better utilized. Need more green Simple Recycling bags? Call (866) 835-5068 or email info@simplerecycling.com.

lansingmi.gov/simplerecycling simplerecycling.com





Through a grant from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, the Scraps to Soil Pilot Program is collecting food scraps from Lansing area restaurants, delis, coffee shops and food processors and bringing them to Hammond Farms a commercial composting facility to be processed into 'Closed Loop Compost'. The goal of the pilot is to divert food scraps from the landfill and return them to the environment.

The following locations are currently participating in the Scraps to Soil program:

- 1. Allen Neighborhood Center
- 2. Biggby Coffee #270
- 3. Biggby HQ
- 4. Bloom Coffee Company
- 5. Blue Owl Coffee
- 6. Buddies Pub and Grill
- 7. Cleats
- 8. Cosmos and Zoobies Tavern
- 9. Juice Nation
- 10. Lansing Brewing Company
- 11. Lansing Catholic High School

- 12. Lansing Fire Department
- 13. Mert's Specialty Meats
- 14. Midtown Brewing Co.
- 15. Red Cedar Spirts Distillery
- 16. Red Haven Farm to Table Restaurant
- 17. Soup Spoon Café
- 18. Sparrow Hospital
- 19. Strange Matter Coffee
- 20. Round Lake Produce (Laingsburg)

To learn more visit *scrapstosoil.org*

We'd Like Your Help!

Please take this guick survey to help us measure composting awareness in our community.

TAKE SURVEY

GIVE COMPOSTING A TRY!

Looking for an easier way to deal with leaves, grass and other organic materials? Try backyard composting. It's easy and provides a nutrient rich material that's perfect for your lawn and garden. There are many good online resources available to get you started. If you'd like to get a starter packet, please contact CART at recycle@ lansingmi.gov and request the compost information packet.

The City of Lansing picks up yard waste between April and November on your normal collection day. For more information about this service and backyard composting, visit lansingmi.gov/yardwasteservice.





































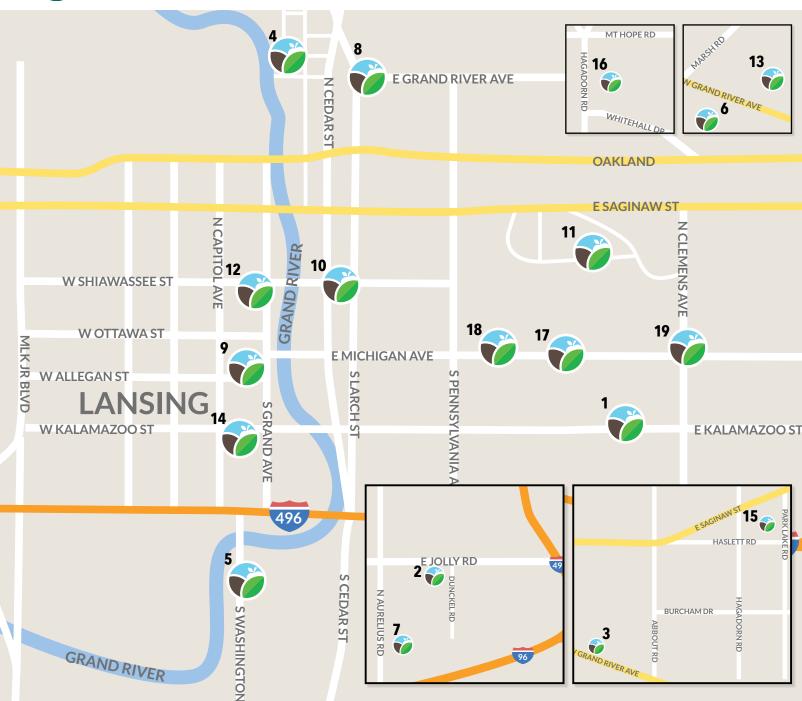


GRAND RIVER









Residential Guide to Single-Stream Recycling



File folders, office paper and gift wrapping paper



Newspapers, Magazines, **Brochures and Inserts**



#1-#2 and #4-#7 Plastic containers (no styrofoam)



Corrugated cardboard and Paper bags



Metal cans



Cartons



Paperboard boxes (cereal, pasta, tissue)



Glass bottles and jars (all colors)



Household scrap metal



Phonebooks



Greeting cards, Regular and Junk mail



Bulky rigid plastic (buckets, chairs, toys)

NO NEED TO REMOVE:

Paper clips, stamps, address labels, staples, metal fasteners, cellophane address windows, rubber bands, spiral bindings, plastic tabs. Empty and rinse all containers. Everything, including cardboard, must fit inside cart with lid closed.

Please follow these guidelines and set your cart out by 7 A.M.

NOT ACCEPTED

Plastic bags, styrofoam containers, wire hangers, window panes, mirrors, ceramics and Pyrex dishware, organic material and food waste, electronic waste (batteries, cell phones, computers, etc.), paint, pesticides, oil and cleaners, waxed cardboard, needles or syringes, #3 plastics.

DOWNLOAD THE CITY OF LANSING'S NEW APP, LANSING CONNECT!

Download Lansing connect and sign up for collection day reminders, get answers to questions and more! Download here: lansingmi.gov/downloadlansingconnect



Search Lansing Connect on the App Store and Google Play

2017 RECYCLING COLLECTION SCHEDULE

IMPORTANT DATES

7/4 Independence Day - Office closed. 1 day collection delay.

9/4 Labor Day - Office closed. 1 day collection delay. 11/23 Thanksgiving Day - Office closed 11/23 and

11/24. 1 day collection delay.

12/25 Christmas Day - Office closed 12/25 and 12/26.

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Recycling collection is every other week using a green or blue
week schedule. Find your collection week using the online
recycling map and calendar tool at www.lansingrecycles.com.

Save this Recycling Collection Schedule to make it easy to remember when to set out your green recycling cart.

Holidays that affect collection service are marked in orange ... Collections will be delayed for those with service on the day of the holiday and the days after the holiday.

For example, when a holiday falls on a Thursday, all Thursday collections will be done on Friday.

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Visit livegreenlansing.org, a one-stop resource to learn more about Lansing's environmental programs.

For more information on how you can take the steps to live an environmentally friendly lifestyle, visit us online at lansingrecycles.org. Here, you'll be able to sign up and find collection dates for recycling and yard waste, pay bills online, get reminders and important messages regarding delays and service hours, learn about special events and much more!

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